

Wednesday address opens new BGSU study cluster

Wen Shu Lee, professor of communication studies at San Jose State University, will visit Bowling Green State University Wednesday and deliver the keynote address of the new Transnational Cultural Identities Cluster, which is sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Culture and Society.

The cluster is an interdisciplinary research group of faculty and graduate students devoted to examining the intersections where national cultures meet and overlap.

Lee will speak at 3:30 p.m. in 117 Olscamp. In her talk, "On Inter-rhetoricity: The Study of Chinese Women's Identities," she will examine the naming of

Chinese women, the ancient Chinese practice of footbinding, and the formation of marriage-resister communities in Taiwan. Her address will be followed by a reception sponsored by the Chinese Student Scholar Association. The lecture and reception are open to the public.

Lee's recent work focuses on feminism, post-colonialism and Chinese studies. She has analyzed the names of Chinese women in regard to their cultural and political meanings. She has examined the custom of footbinding in relation to race, class, gender and nationality. And she has investigated the formation of sexual identities in Taiwan. Her other areas of

research include the study of humor and idioms. Lee has explored how idioms become culturally saturated symbols and has developed methods for furthering intercultural understanding of idioms and humor.

Lee has published in such journals as *International and Intercultural Communication*, the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, the *Howard Journal of Communications* and the *Journal of Applied Communication Research*. In 1995, Lee received the Distinguished Scholarship Award of the Intercultural Communication Division of the National Communication Association. She received her

Ph.D. in Communication Arts and Sciences from the University of Southern California in 1989.

During her week-long visit, Lee will address undergraduate and graduate classes, meet with students and work with cluster members.

Lee's visit is sponsored by the Transnational Cultural Identities Cluster, the Institute for the Study of Culture and Society, the School of Communication Studies, the departments of interpersonal communication and ethnic studies, the Chinese Student and Scholar Association and the Women's Studies Program. *

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